

REMARKS

Claims 19-36 are pending in this application. None of the claims were amended in this response. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 19, 20, 22-25, 27-29, 31-34 and 36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by Gustafsson (US Patent 6,424,841). Claims 21 and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gustafsson (US Patent 6,424,841) in view of Cain et al. (US Pub 2006/0034281). Claims 26 and 35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gustafsson (US Patent 6,424,841) in view of Lyengar et al. (US Patent 6,546,241). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

Specifically, the prior art, alone or in combination, fails to teach or suggest the features of “initiating, by the telecommunications device and as a result of acknowledgment by the service center, a second session via the telecommunications call set-up; sending, by the service center and in the second session, at least one second service message to the telecommunications device, receipt of which is acknowledged by the telecommunications device; and releasing, by the service center and as a result of acknowledgement by the telecommunications device, the second session so as to clear down the telecommunications call” as recited in claim 19, and similarly recited in claim 28. For the purposes of explanation, the present claims are directed to, for example, setting up a call to a service center, where the call requests information content in a first session (e.g., “request session”) using a first service message, and receives information content from the service center in a second session (e.g., “delivery session”) using at least one second service message, without setting up an additional call (“releasing, by the service center and as a result of acknowledgement by the telecommunications device, the second session so as to clear down the telecommunications call”).

In contrast, Gustafsson teaches a method that enables wireless client devices to more efficiently utilize available transmission bandwidth in a wireless network using narrowband channels (i.e., SMS), where return information (data) is incorporated in an acknowledgement message after an incoming message has been successfully received from a sender (see Abstract; col. 2, lines 55-61). Under Gustafsson, the receiving unit (e.g., server - see FIG. 1B) maintains a message queue of messages waiting for delivery to a wireless client device. When the receiving unit receives a message from an initiating unit using an SMS narrowband channel, the receiving

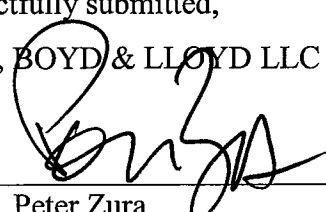
unit checks the queue to see if deferred messages are awaiting delivery, and generates an acknowledgement message, containing at least part of the deferred message, back to the initiating unit. The initiating unit then forwards the acknowledgment message to the wireless client device (see col. 3, lines 11-26; col. 7, lines 11-37).

Thus, at best, Gustaffson merely describes the feature of "sending, via the telecommunications device and in the first session, a first service message to the service center, receipt of which is acknowledged by the service center." While the Office Action broadly cites col. 2, line 55 - col. 4, line 28 of Gustaffson, it appears from this disclosure that the same session (i.e., the first session) is taught. Applicant cannot find anywhere in the disclosure of Gustaffson, where the telecommunications device *initiates a second session via the telecommunications call set-up as a result of acknowledgment by the service center*. Furthermore, Gustaffson fails to teach or suggest sending and receiving messages in one session (see, e.g., col. 6, lines 57-59: "[t]he client module 36 making a request does not wait to receive the resource; instead, the resource is acquired independent of further operation of the client module 36."). None of the cited references solve the deficiencies of Gustaffson, discussed above. For at least these reasons, Applicant submits the rejection is improper and should be withdrawn.

In light of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that the present claims are allowable. An early Notice of Allowance is earnestly requested. If any fees are due in connection with this application as a whole, the Examiner is authorized to deduct such fees from deposit account no. 02-1818. If such a deduction is made, please indicate the attorney docket number (112740-1062) on the account statement.

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